

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The City of Trinidad Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The average level of haloacetic acids (HAA5's), which are byproducts of the chlorination of your drinking water, exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. The MCL for HAA5's is 60 parts per billion and is based on the average results over the last twelve months. The City's average over the last twelve months was 63 parts per billion. HAA5's form when chlorine interacts with total organic carbon in the water.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What should you do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult with your doctor.

What happened? What is being done to prevent this violation in the future?

The City has a history of elevated levels of disinfection byproducts due to the natural organic carbon in our untreated water. We are very near completing improvements to the water treatment plant that are designed to reduce the levels of disinfection byproducts in the treated drinking water. We anticipate that our next round of sampling, in March 2015, will show lower levels of disinfection byproducts in compliance with the State drinking water standards.

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Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Upon receipt of this notice from a public water system the following establishments must provide secondary notification by distributing this notice within ten days as follows: Schools must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors). Residential rental property owners or managers (including nursing home and care facilities) must notify tenants. Business property owners, managers, or operators must notify employees of businesses located on the property. [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]

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